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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR KEKKONEN STATE VISIT:
KLAUS TORNUDD

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON KLAUS TORNUDD IS DRAWN FROM
FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S 1974 "CALENDAR" WITH MINOR
ADDITIONS BY THE EMBASSY.

A. KLAUS MATTIAS TORNUDD WAS BORN IN HELSINKI ON DECEMBER
26, 1931. HE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL IN 1949. HE WAS
AWARDED THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF POLITICAL SCIENCE IN 1956,
BECAME LICENCIATE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IN 1959, AND DOCTOR
IN 1961. HE STUDIED IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1957-58. HE
HOLDS THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT (1967). TORNUDD IS MARRIED TO
MIRJA LIISA, BORN SIIRALA. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN: NINA
MERETA(1964) AND MARTIN ALEXANDER (1968).

B. TORNUDD BECAME CIVIL SERVICE TRAINEE ON OCTOBER 21, 1958
AND WAS ACCEPTED IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE ON MAY 10, 1960.

C. TORNUDD BEGAN HIS EMPLOYMENT IN THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY ON DECEMBER 1, 1958. HE BECAME ASSISTANT
AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON OCTOBER 1, 1960, AND AT
THE UN MISSION IN NEW YORK ON AUGUST 1, 1961. HE WAS
PROMOTED TO SECOND SECRETARY ON MAY 1, 1962. AFTER
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SERVING IN CAIRO FROM MAY 1, 1964 TO MAY 1, 1966 HE

RETURNED TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE AS A SECTION SECRETARY.

D. TORNUDD RESIGNED FROM THE MINISTRY ON AUGUST 1, 1967 TO BECOME PROFESSOR IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS AT THE TAMPERE UNIVERSITY. HIS THESIS HAD THE TITLE: SOVIET ATTITUDES TOWARDS NON-MILITARY REGIONAL CO-OPERATION. HE WAS REAPPOINTED IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE ON AUGUST 1, 1971 WITH THE TITLE OF MINISTER-COUNSELOR AT THE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. HE THEN SERVED AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY IN THE SPECIAL CSCE MISSION FROM SEPTEMBER 1973 TO AUGUST 1974. HE HAS BEEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (WITH PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR) SINCE SEPTEMBER 1974.

E. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH, FRENCH, RUSSIAN, GERMAN, SPANISH, SWEDISH AND FINNISH. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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2. TORNUDD IS ANOTHER VETERAN OF THE CSCE NEGOTIATIONS HOLDING A KEY POST IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. HIS SPECIALTY DURING THE GENEVA PHASE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS WAS "BASKET III" OR "HUMANITARIAN" ISSUES. TORNUDD IS AN ARCHTYPE DIPLOMAT: PLEASANT, CAUTIOUS, PRECISE, SERIOUS AND INTELLIGENT. HE IS BASICALLY WESTERN ORIENTED, BUT EXCEEDINGLY CAREFUL WHEN DISCUSSING OFFICIAL MATTERS WITH ANY FOREIGNER (AND PROBABLY WITH OTHER FINNS AS WELL). HE IS HIGHLY RESPECTED BOTH AS SCHOLAR AND A DIPLOMAT BY HIS PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUES. AUSTAD

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